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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Nonresponsive Amendment

1. The reply filed on 11/03/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following matter(s): Newly submitted claims 43-62 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. The new claims are directed to a broader feeder assembly/system than the original mailpiece feeder.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant is required to limit the claims to the mailpiece feeder environment as original elected and examined. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Applicant's arguments in response to the Restriction Requirement of claims 2-41 filed 04/25/2005 have not been found to be persuasive. Hence, any newly introduced claims that correspond to the withdrawn claims will be appropriately withdrawn in the next Office Action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khoi H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-6919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on (571) 272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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